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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number 032167.0001

First Named Inventor Whalen, Michael J.

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Application Number

Filing Date November 9, 2001

Group Art Unit

Examiner Name

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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PORTABLE CONTAINER FOR PAINT, ROLLER AND BRUSH

the specification of which

(Title of the Invention)

is attached hereto

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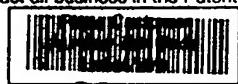
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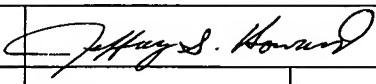
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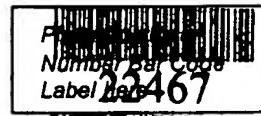
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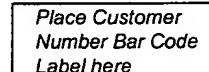


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Name	Jeffrey S. Howard
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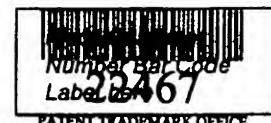
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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
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032167.0001Applicant, Pattee, or Identifier: Whalen, Michael J. and Howard, Jeffrey S.

Application or Patent No.: _____

Filed or Issued: Filed: November 9, 2001Title: PORTABLE CONTAINER FOR PAINT, ROLLER AND BRUSH

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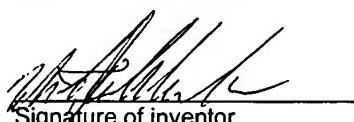
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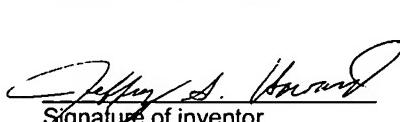
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